

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant :	Hugh R. Sharkey et al.	Art Unit :	3766
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Title :	METHOD FOR TREATING INTERVERTEBRAL DISCS		

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: